

# Eastern Regional News



This group of K mart 3102 employees was among 500 people who embarked on a 20-mile walkathon through backwoods Pennsylvania recently to raise donations for the March of Dimes. Only a few members of this group from York, PA made the entire hike, but everyone got a great suntan.

## Staffers reap dividends of several competitions

A very prosperous dream came true for Mary McIntosh of Lancaster, PA's K mart 4315.

In Mary's dream, the numbers two, three and four kept reappearing. Thinking they were significant in some way, the curious lady played all three numbers the next day in an instant lottery game. She received a phone call later informing her that she had won \$500.

Reporter Steve Harnish says she picked up her winnings and promptly returned to the store to spend them.

K mart 3154, Hampton, VA salutes Will Lundberg, cameras, who placed first in a photography contest sponsored by a local newspaper for his feature picture of a bicycle racer. The enthusiastic high school sophomore would like to devote all his time to photography when he graduates.

Dance the afternoon away was what Ed Murray and Molly Baldwin did one Saturday to raise funds for a Muscular Dystrophy marathon. The two staffers from K mart 7110 in Claymont, DE stayed on the dance

floor for 12 hours and helped to draw \$300 in pledges.

Karen Mauriello, daughter of Marie Mauriello from K mart 4361, Hazlet, NJ, was chosen Loyalty Day Queen of the Avenel VFW Post 7164. The junior at Middletown High School North belongs to the Girls Athletic Association and is a talent flag twirler. She was picked because she was the judge's choice of most typical American girl.

Alma Russell, Krege 126 in Philadelphia, PA, got a super Mother's Day present last month — a brand new granddaughter born on May 8.



Making merry at K mart 3352's first spring promotion for kiddies were familiar friends like Fred Flintstone, Mickey and Minnie, the Cookie Monster, and the Easter Bunny. The "stars" were volunteer staffers from 3352 who put on a great performance with no rehearsal in Liverpool, NY.

## Legal topics engage stores

Lynda Todd, domestics clerk for K mart 4448, was well-acquainted with the store's tradition of placing a 16-pound ball and chain around the ankle of an about-to-be-married staffer. So she wasn't terribly surprised when she became the most recent victim.

What did startle her was when her fiancé, police officer Gene Croteau, came to the Salem, NH store from his post in Lowell, MA, and handcuffed himself to Lynda's wrist.

The ball and chain gimmick has been a popular routine designed to encourage engaged individuals to think twice about taking their marriage vows.

Concern over the problems of shoplifting enticed several employees of K mart 9127 in Wells, NY to produce a three-part skit for their fellow workers recently. Madeilyn Roder, Laurie Maxon, Cindy Horton, Greg Stack and Steve Foti took most of the responsibility for performing an exaggerated simulation of shoplifters in action.

The demonstration specifically pointed to negligent behavior such as not calling for a price check, taking part in personal chatter at the expense of efficient register operations and not checking opened boxes as the basic culprits leading to shoplifting offenses.

It was just "one of those days" for Cindy Vito, checkout operator, at K mart 3268 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. A customer came through her line with an item he had purchased a few days before. It didn't have the identifying color tag of the day on it, and Cindy immediately noticed the omission and called her supervisor, who approached the customer.

He became unruly and belligerent, and Cindy got very upset about the whole incident. When the shopper realized she was not trying to persecute him but rather just doing her job, he relaxed a bit and apologized. The next day, a bouquet of fresh flowers arrived from him.



Lynda and Gene stay locked together.

## A sturdy shoe comes to rescue

It's ironic that Rachel Montana works in the shoe department for K mart 3021, Auburn, ME. Her son, 18-year-old Michael Montana, was involved in a close-call with a serious foot injury and was saved by his shoes, purchased from K mart.

Mike got his foot caught in a shredding machine at the yarn factory where he is employed. He couldn't get his foot out of the boot nor could he reach the switch to stop the machine. Then he noticed the drive belt was loose, so he kicked it with his free foot until the belt fell off and brought the machine to a halt.

After being rushed to the hospital, Mike learned that his foot had suffered some bruises, but no severe lacerations. The sturdy Vibram sole hiking boots he wore took the brunt of the damage, but protected him. Doctors informed Mike that he very likely could have lost his foot if he hadn't been wearing the boots.



Douglas Ramsey, Steven Pratt and Jeffrey Tinkham, 1 to 3, take a break from building a new patio enclosure for K mart 7108, Attleboro Falls, MA.